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1. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE EVENING JAN 17 COMPLETED CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTED MERGED RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL ACTION FOR ILO IN EUROPE. TEXT NOTES THAT EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AFFECTING TRIPARTITE CONSTITUENTS IN EUROPE NECESSITATES MORE FREQUENT ILO EUROPEAN MEETINGS AND FURTHER NOTES THAT REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES EXIST FOR OTHER REGIONS. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDS THAT GB (A) PROVIDE FOR CONVENING OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCES AT REGULAR AND SUFFICIENTLY BRIEF INTERVALS TO ENABLE ILO TO MAKE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SOLUTION OF IMPORTANT LABOR AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS EXISTING IN EUROPE AND TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THESE CONFERENCES IN DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, (B) EXAMINE IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVTS AND EMPLOYERS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED ADVISABILITY OF THE CREATION

OF A EUROPEAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE DEFINED IN LIGHT OF CONDITIONS PARTICULAR TO EUROPE.

2. MERGED RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRADE UNION RIGHTS, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, ETC. DISCUSSED IN GROUPS MORNING JAN 18 AND TURNED OVER TO DRAFTING PARTY EARLY AFTERNOON FOR REVISION AND POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION LATE AFTERNOON. MERGED TEXT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO GREECE, PORTUGAL, OR SPAIN. RELEVANT PARAGRAPH IN PRESENT WORKING TEXT STATES, "NOTING THE INADEQUATE PROTECTION OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES, DUE TO DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OPINION OR TRADE UNION AFFILIATION."

3. SELECTION COMMITTEE EVENING JAN 17 RESPONDED TO EARLIER PROTEST BY SPANISH WORKER DELEGATE OR WORKER GROUP REFUSAL TO SEAT HIM AS TITULAR MEMBER OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN OFFERED TO SEAT HIM AS SUBSTITUTE MEMBER OF COMMITTEE. WORKER SPOKESMAN ON SELECTIONS COMMITTEE MUHR (DGB) POINTED OUT THAT SPANISH WORKER DELEGATE HAD BEEN OFFERED THAT POSITION BY WORKERS GROUP, BUT HE REFUSED. THIS TIME HE ACCEPTED.

4. SELECTIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT TO SCHEDULE PLENARY FOR SATURDAY JAN 19 AT SUGGESTION OF EMPLOYER SPOKESMAN, BERGENSTROM, WHO SAID IT HAD JUST COME TO HIS ATTENTION THAT MORNING. MUHR SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WAS SO. NOTHING MORE WAS SAID IN SELECTION COMMITTEE ABOUT JAN 19 TRADE UNION MEETING. BASSIN

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